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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Clemens Rickert

Application No./Patent No.: 10/733,930 Filed/Issue Date: 12/11/2003

Entitled: GATHERING AND PICKING DEVICE

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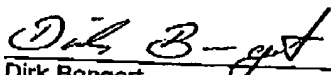
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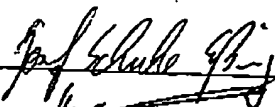

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